

upon these sculptures and gain an understanding of the important role the Native American community has in Oregon and throughout our country.

It is important to note that it is not only Oregon that is represented in these poles, but rather the Pacific Northwest. The two trees from which they are carved—a 1200 and 500 year old cedar—are from our northern neighbors, Washington State, and artists from around the area contributed in the creation of these sculptures. This sense of community is a staple of the Pacific Northwest and one that is represented in “We Were Always Here”.

I want to commend Mr. Bartow and his team for their great work, and I encourage everyone to get out and experience “We Were Always Here” by visiting the American Indian Museum or The National Mall.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 538. An act to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies.

H.R. 1410. An act to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

H.R. 1464. An act to develop a strategy for assisting stateless children from North Korea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2800. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program.

H.R. 4057. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4264. An act to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4305. An act to authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals.

H.R. 4631. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to institute spending limits and transparency requirements for Federal conference and travel expenditures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6028. An act to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6080. An act to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code.

H.R. 6131. An act to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6185. An act to improve security at the State and local courthouses.

H.R. 6189. An act to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs.

H.R. 6215. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 17. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation—Organization (ICAO).

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 710. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 538. An act to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1410. An act to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1464. An act to develop a strategy for assisting stateless children from North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2800. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4057. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4264. An act to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4305. An act to authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4631. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to institute spending limits and transparency requirements for Federal conference and travel expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6028. An act to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6080. An act to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6185. An act to improve security at State and local courthouses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6189. An act to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6215. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provi-

sions relating to remedies for dilution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 6131. An act to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7344. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to eliminating barriers to firms that are not traditional suppliers to the Department of Defense that wish to contract with the Department; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7345. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense's Biennial Report to Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7346. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7347. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7348. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7349. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7350. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2012; to the